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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

13 OLIVER HILSEN RATH,
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15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

17 EQUITY TRUST (JERSEY) LIMITED,
18 CANDOVER INVESTMENTS PLC AND
DOES 1-10,
19 Defendants.

Case No. 07-4162 (JCS)

**DECLINATION TO PROCEED BEFORE
A MAGISTRATE JUDGE AND REQUEST
FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED
STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

20 REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

21 The undersigned party hereby declines to consent to the assignment of this case to a United
22 States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby requests the reassignment of this case to a
23 United States District Judge.

24 Dated: August 23, 2007

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25 By _____ /s/
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